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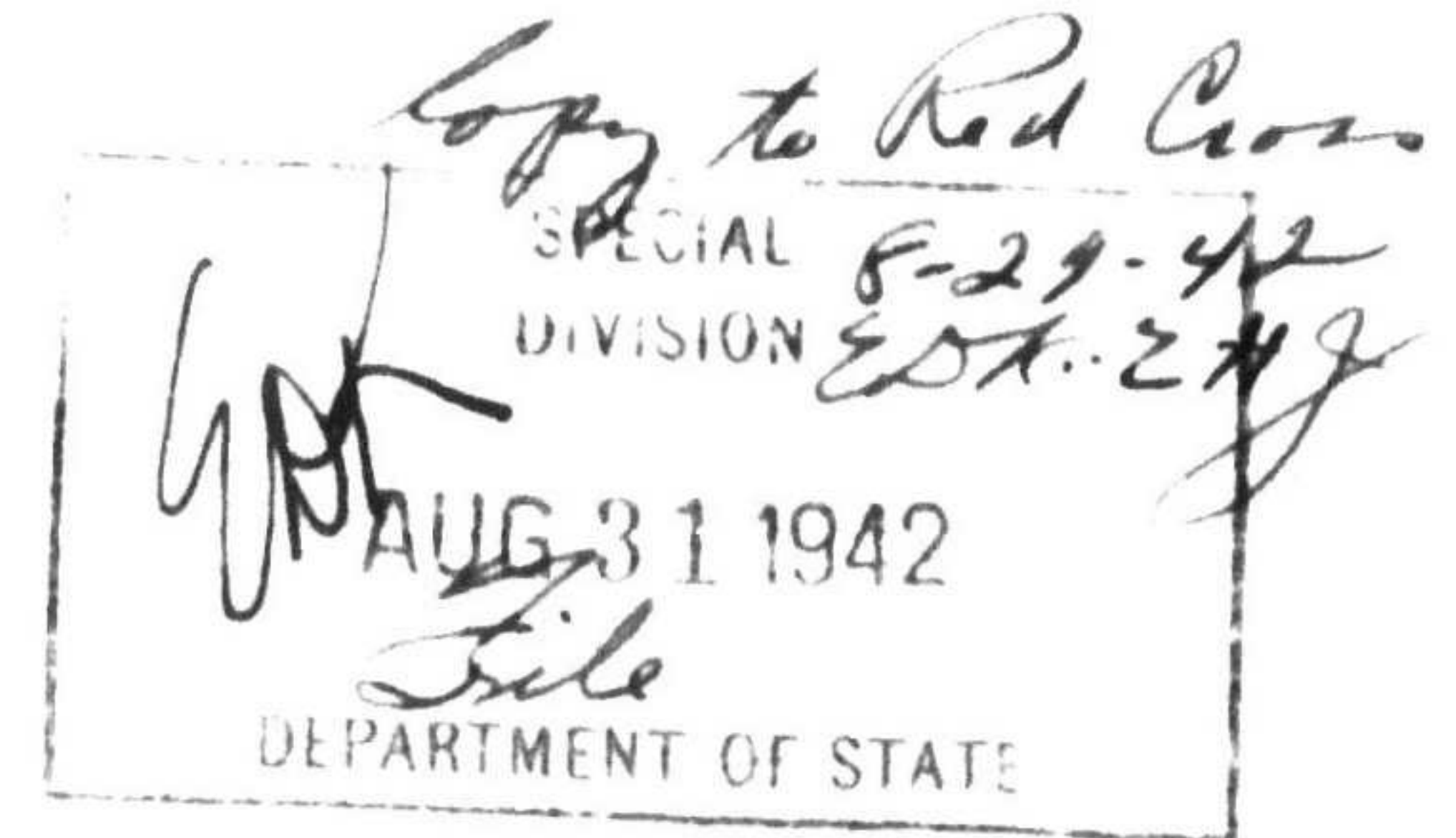
Dated August 28, 1942

FROM

Rec'd 12:49 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

313, August 28, noon



Please communicate the following to Mr.

~~Dinsmore~~, Director of Military Welfare National
Headquarters Red Cross:

Field Director Orville Roberts office 6,000 reports that he has had no answer to his telegrams of the eighth from Durban and seventeenth from Suez. Until regular lines of communication are established he can wire through Consulate General. Advise if office and hospital equipment has been shipped.

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FROM

Dated August 29, 1942

Rec'd 12:58 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

315, August 29, 9 a.m.

My 315, August 28, noon.

FOLLOWING FOR DINSMORE FROM ROBERTS

Soldiers and officers are accumulating back pay which their families need. I am accepting and banking money to be sent home. I will cable the amount and to whom national headquarters will pay. Charge amount of each transfer against revolving fund of office 6,000.

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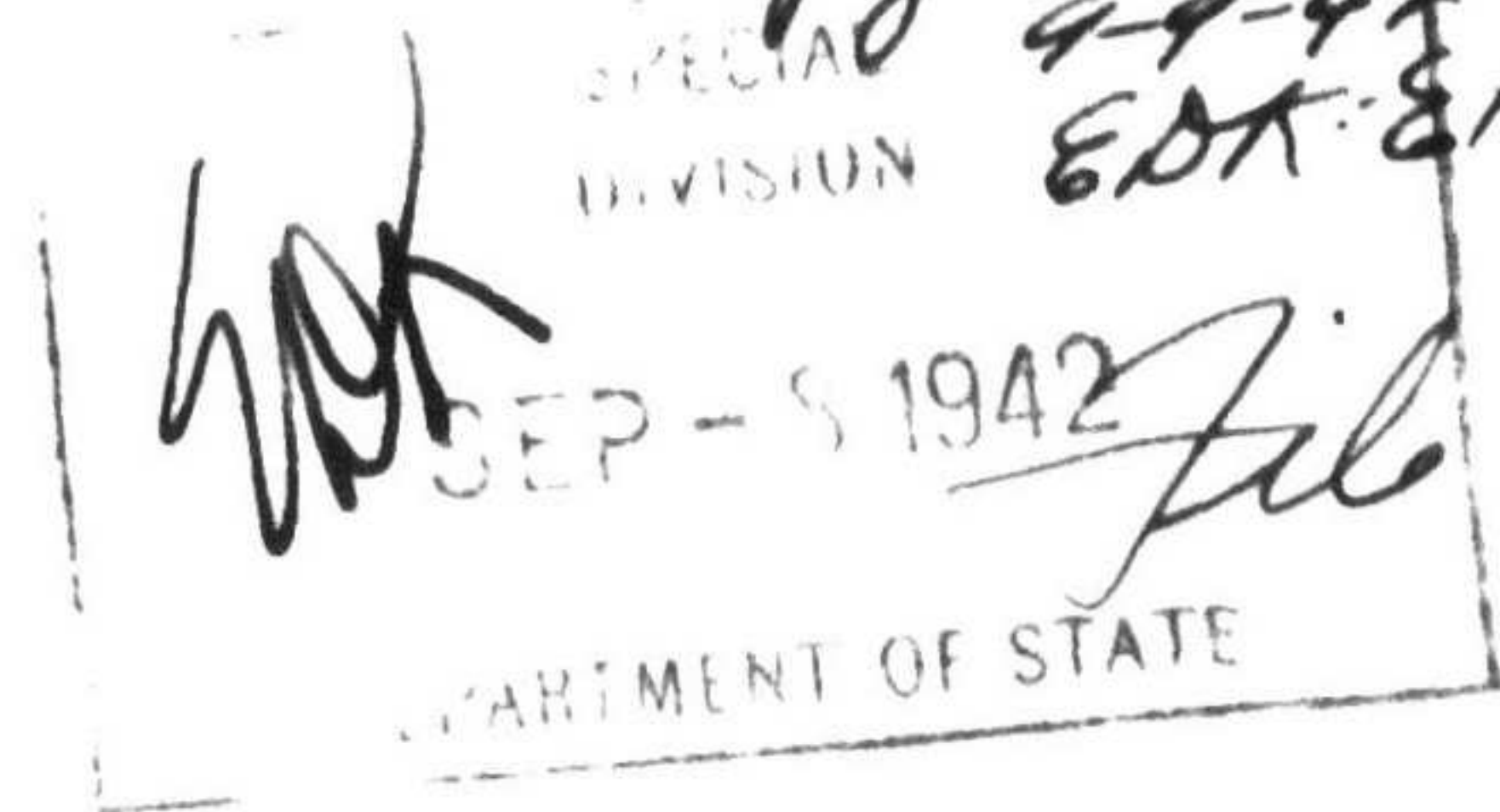
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Dated September 5, 1942

Rec'd 2:23 p.m.

Copy to Red Com
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Secretary of State,

Washington.

330, September 5, 2 p.m.

My 313, August 28, noon from Roberta to Dens-
more. *need*

"Contact Martha Hanratty, 425 Grand, Brooklyn,
husband released hospital recovered. Contact Rose
Mary Tanner, 2602 Scioto, Cincinnati, Ohio, assist
her returning Georgia, Hoty's father's home; mes-
sages there also mail."

GWYNN

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Collect { Full rate
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Day letter
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Department of State

NIGHT LETTER RATE

Washington,

Charge to American Red Cross

\$ 8.50

September 3, 1942

AMERICAN CONSUL

BEIRUT (LEBANON)

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For Roberts

QUOTE OT 509. Suggest officers and men use commercial channels transmit personal funds to families. Even commercial channels closed authorize you handle on temporary basis only. Normally transmittals by Amcross confined individual cases and used only prevent distress. Cable details.

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SEP 22 1942

Hull (Edk)

L. M. Mitchell
Director
Insular and Foreign Operations

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Sent by operator _____ M., _____, 19____, _____

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Department of State

NIGHT LETTER RATE

Washington,

Charge to American Red Cross
\$ 14.50

September 10, 1942

AMERICAN

Consul

BEIRUT

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For Roberts

QUOTE OT 513. Received urgent cable from Cairo Egypt through Legation stating our assistant field director that area unable contact you due lack of communications. He also without funds. Commanding Officer that area demanding service by our representative who unable assist because lacking authority and funds. Contact all members your staff immediately to ascertain adequacy their coverage and cable us full report together with any special problems your staff. This matter urgent and requires immediate reply.

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L. M. Mitchell
Director
Insular and Foreign Operations

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FOZI BRAIDY,
PUBLISHER AND EDITOR

PHONE WATKINS 9-1199

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Arabic Newspaper

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NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

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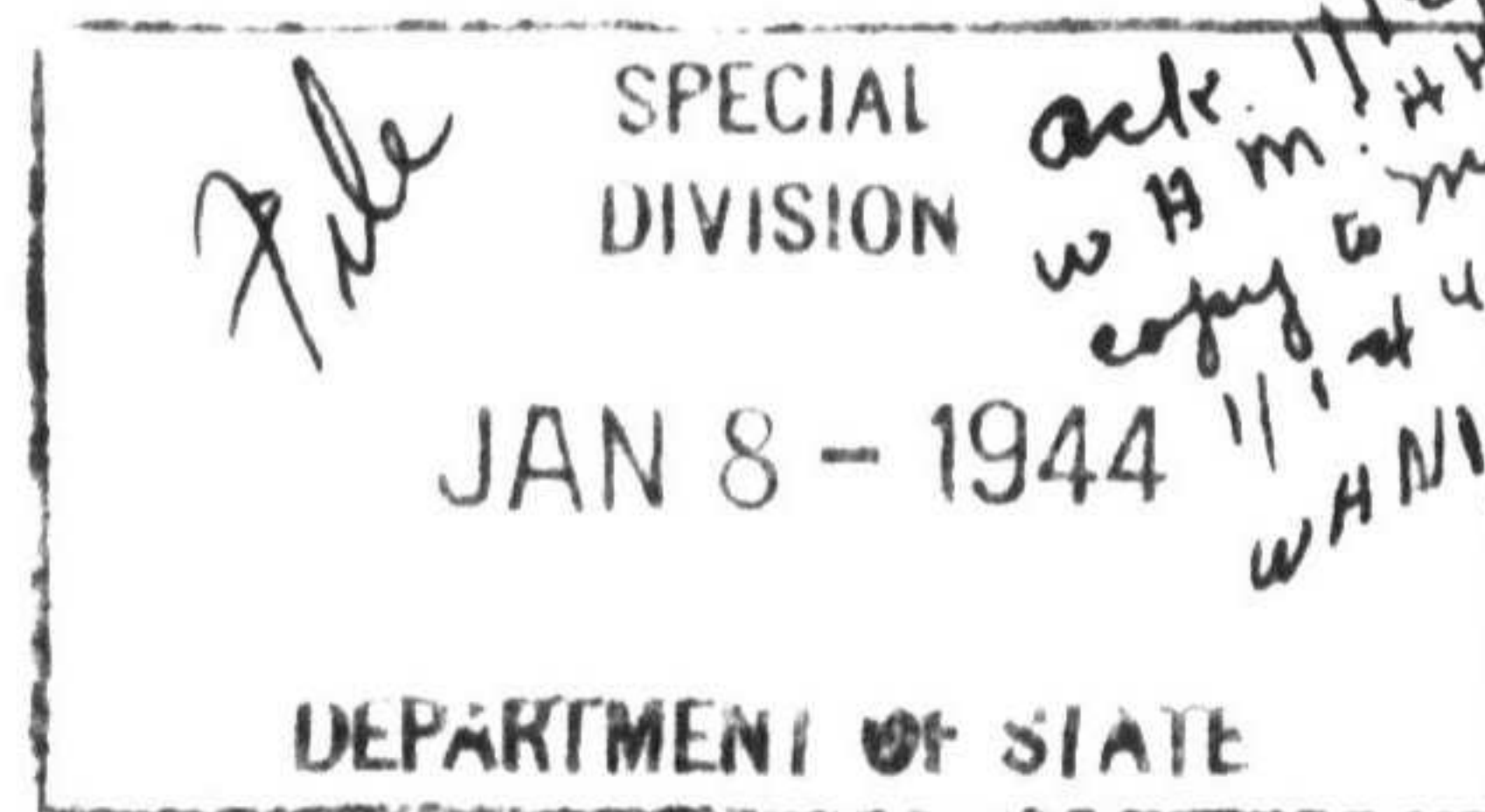
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DIVISION OF
COMMUNICATIONS
AND RECORDS

January 13, 1944

January 4, 1944

Secretary of State
State House
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir,

There are several groups of Syrian and Lebanese here in New York, namely Syrian and Lebanese relief organizations who are seriously considering sending clothing to the needy in Syria and Lebanon.

Will you kindly inform me as to procedure?

Yours truly,

F. Braidy

Fozi Braidy, Publisher

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In reply refer to
SD 890E.48/5

My dear Mr. Braidy:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 4, 1944 in which you inquire whether certain Syrian and Lebanese relief organizations may send clothing to needy persons in Syria and Lebanon.

The President's War Relief Control Board, Washington Building, this City, is qualified to make official comment upon inquiries of this nature, and accordingly a copy of your letter has been sent to the Board for appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger,
Assistant Chief, Special Division

Mr. Fozi Braidy,
Publisher Al-Islaah,
216 West 18th Street,
New York 11, New York

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JAN 13 1944

January 13, 1944

In reply refer to
SD 890E.48/5

My dear Mr. Fox:

There is enclosed for such action as may be deemed appropriate a copy of a letter from Mr. Fozi Braidy of New York City in which inquiry is made whether certain Syrian and Lebanese relief organizations may send clothing to needy persons in Syria and Lebanon.

As will be noted from the enclosed copy of the Department's letter to Mr. Braidy, he has been informed of this reference.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger,
Assistant Chief, Special Division

Enclosures:

1. From Mr. Braidy,
January 4, 1944
2. Department's reply.



Mr. Homer Fox,
Executive Secretary,
President's War Relief Control Board,
Washington Building,
Washington, D. C.

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JAN 23 1944



PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

Department of Oriental Languages and Literatures



June 13, 1944

Mr. Paul Alling,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Alling:

According to reports just received there is some suffering among the children of Lebanon due mainly to shortage of milk. Your Department may be cognizant of that fact. The last informant was a physician who was graduated from the American University of Beirut and has come to this country to pursue further his medical studies. This situation has moved our people in New York City to organize a Lebanese children aid society, two representatives of which Mr. Jamil M. Baroodi and Mr. Edward J. Leon, will try and call at your office in a few days. Mr. Baroodi you may recall as the acting commissioner of the Lebanon Pavilion at the World's Fair. Mr. Leon was born in this country and is a member of the New York bar. Any advice or suggestions that you may see fit to give them will be deeply appreciated by all concerned.

May I take this opportunity to tell you how much we here in Princeton enjoyed the sojourn of Mr. Mattison. Aside from Arabic considerations — on which I made full report to the Department — we found him extremely well informed on international problems as they relate to the New East and endowed with a highly developed sense of humor, which must be a boon to diplomats especially these days.

With high regards,

Sincerely yours,

Richard M. ...

June 17, 1944

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June 17, 1944

Dear Dr. Hitti:

I have your letter of June 13, 1944, and hasten to assure you we shall do anything possible to assist Messrs. Baroody and Leon in connection with the Lebanese Children Aid Society. Both are old friends of ours, whom we shall be glad to see again.

Thanks for your appreciative remarks about Gordon Mattison. He is a fine lad, and I am sure that he profited very much from your wisdom and guidance during his sojourn at Princeton.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Alling
Deputy Director
Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs

Philip K. Hitti, Ph.D.,
Princeton University,
Princeton, New Jersey.

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6/15/44



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NOTE

SUBJECT

Desire of the "Union Libanesa de Mexico" to remit equivalent of 16,000 pesos to the President of the Lebanon Republic.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See # 20659
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Oct. 13, 1944 From Mexico
~~Tox~~

File No. 840.51 FC 12/10-1344

RIGBY, LEON & WEILL
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15 EAST 26TH STREET
NEW YORK 10, N.Y.

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OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR

ALEX M. HAMBURG
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SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS

1944

SOUTHERN BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.
REPUBLIC 0866

New York, N.Y.

November 21, 1944

For Distribution

Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Attention Mr. Foy D. Kohler

Dear Foy:

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter addressed to The President's War Relief Control Board, attention Mr. James Brunot, Executive Director, together with copies of enclosures also sent to him.

In view of the time limitation, may I respectfully submit that it is highly desirable for us to seek immediate consideration of our application for exemption from Federal Income Tax. It might well be that the effectiveness of our work may depend upon prompt consideration of this application.

We should like very much to have the matter acted upon favorably not later than the early part of December, so that we may seek the necessary funds with which to carry on our work during this calendar year.

Any aid that you may deem justified in connection with this worthy cause will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD J. LEON

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New York, N.Y.
November 3, 1944

President's War Relief Control Board
Washington Building
Washington, D. C.

Attention: MR. JAMES BRUNO, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Bruno:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 30, 1944, in connection with the work of a group represented by Mr. A. Dahrouge of 264 Henry Street, Brooklyn, New York. I had not heard of this group until our mutual friend, Mr. Kohler, mentioned it to me on one of my recent visits in Washington.

I have known Mr. Dahrouge for many years. Approximately some two or three weeks ago, I met him in the restaurant and he told me that a group of people had made plans to collect old clothing for shipment to Syria and Lebanon. Two or three days thereafter, he left a file at my office with the request that I assist in the work contemplated by them. I do not know any more about it other than what I was able to gather from the file. A list of names appears in the copy of a form application approved by the Budget Bureau for use by your Committee, in which the names of a number of people I know are listed.

There does not seem to be any reason why these two groups cannot work together if the work is intended for the same geographic area. The nature of the work the group for which I have been acting, tends to do, is slightly different, insofar as the relief work intended is to consist of the sending of dehydrated milk, vitamins and sorely needed medicines to Lebanon for distribution among children. The distribution will be undertaken by a group operating under the aegis of the Lebanon Government, with the possible cooperation of the Near East College organization located in Beyrouth, Lebanon.

We have received from both sources fairly definite indications of requirements of these vitally needed commodities. In order to facilitate the work, we have caused a Membership Corporation to be formed and have cleared it with the Department of Welfare, State of New York, and are now awaiting word from the Treasury Department where an application for tax deductions of contributions is pending. Just as soon as we receive favorable consideration on this application, we will then be ready to solicit funds.

President's War Relief Control Board

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November 3, 1944

The work to be done by this group is to be done in Lebanon only. Whether this is to be extended into neighboring areas is problematic.

I shall be very happy to discuss this matter with you in detail on my next visit to Washington, which I hope will be within a week or ten days.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. LEON

EJL:MB

New York, N.Y.
November 21, 1944

The President's War Relief Control Board
Washington Building
Washington 5, D. C.

Attention Mr. James Brunot, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Brunot:

I wish to express my personal appreciation for the courtesies your office deemed fit to extend to me and for the splendid attention given to this matter by your assistant with whom I had a very pleasant conference.

As indicated during our discussion, the Lebanese Children Milk Fund, Inc. filed an application for exemption from Federal Income Tax under Section 101(6) of the Internal Revenue Code and the corresponding provisions of prior Revenue Acts. A copy of my letter accompanying the application is enclosed herewith.

I am also enclosing herewith a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of Lebanese Children Milk Fund, Inc., a Membership Corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New York.

Very truly yours,

RIGBY, LEON & WEILL

EJL:MB
Enc.

New York, N.Y.
November 14, 1944

Collector of Internal Revenue
110 East 45th Street
New York, N.Y.

In re Application of Lebanese Children Milk Fund, Inc.
to Exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 101
(6) of the Internal Revenue Code and Corresponding
Provisions of Prior Revenue Acts

Gentlemen:

The organization seeking exemption from Federal Tax came into being as a result of urgent pleas from Lebanon. The two sources that furnished the justification for the creation of the applicant organization were the following:

A group of civic minded medical men in Lebanon, representing all religious denominations, and duly recognized by the Government of Lebanon, was formed. This group acting through Mr. Bahij Baroodi, a member of the Faculty of the American University in Beyrouth, stressed the urgency for powdered milk, condensed halibut oil or like preparations, sulfanilamide, sulfapyridine, sulfaguanil tablets, vitamins, atebirin and other sorely needed necessary drugs, and winter garment materials for babies.

Dr. John J. Ayache who had come to this country in the late Spring of this year from Lebanon, at which time he reported on the health conditions of Lebanon during the fifth year of the war as personally seen by him, stated in part that -

"As a result of lack of essential drugs and medical supplies, the health condition has been deteriorating progressively. Malnutrition among the middle and poor classes is prevalent. Although epidemics on a large scale have not been reported, nevertheless, mortality and morbidity rates are higher than any previous period. Some acute diseases as malaria, dysentery, enteric fevers, tuberculosis, venereal diseases, helmenthiasis and rickets, that have been more or less under control previously, are prevalent now and have a high mortality rate. Small pox and typhus although under control at present have been a serious problem in 1943."

November 14, 1944

The Near East College Association through President Bayard Dodge in a letter dated July 6th addressed to Albert W. Staub, its American Director, confirmed in substance the above facts.

The Membership Corporation that came into being through the combined efforts of a number of Americans of Lebanese extraction, is desirous to aid in the alleviation of the suffering, particularly among the children of Lebanon, for the want of powdered milk, vitamins and specific drugs which are not obtainable in Lebanon because of its unavailability. Those who seek to aid in this very worthy movement should like to do so knowing that their contributions are properly deductible tax items as charity contributions.

The writer is convinced that there is an immediate urgency for favorable consideration of this application.

We are submitting Questionnaire Form 1023 and copy of the Charter.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. LEON

EJL:MB
Enc.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF LEBANESE CHILDREN MILK FUND,
INC., PURSUANT TO THE MEMBERSHIP
CORPORATIONS LAW

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a membership corporation pursuant to the Membership Corporation Law of the State of New York, do hereby certify:

1) The name of the proposed corporation is
LEBANESE CHILDREN MILK FUND, INC.

2) The purposes for which it is to be formed are:

a) To raise funds for charitable, eleemosynary and benevolent purposes, to dispose of such funds, 1) by direct voluntary aid in cases where immediate aid is urgent and, 2) by voluntarily contributing to other organized relief and charitable organizations engaged in the same or like work; to make surveys and investigations of relief and charity needs and of individual cases; to voluntarily aid by the furnishing of funds to other charitable organizations, societies or those requiring charity both in the United States of America or in other parts of the world and more particularly in Lebanon; to voluntarily aid other charitable organizations in their drives for funds; to voluntarily cooperate with other relief agencies and to voluntarily coordinate the work of relief and charitable agencies in the community; to receive money and property by gift, devise or otherwise and to hold the same in trust and to administer the same for the foregoing purposes, but nothing herein contained shall authorize this corporation to undertake any of the activities outlined in Section 11, Sub. 1 of the Membership Corporations Law of the State of New York.

3) The territory in which the corporation's operations are principally to be conducted is New York State.

4) The City in which the principal office is to be located is the City of New York, County of New York.

5) There shall be not less than three nor more than five directors.

6) The names and residences of the directors until the first annual meeting, are as follows:

Abe A. Lian	585 Fifth Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Alex N. Saab	219 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Eli N. Khouri	72-80th Street, Brooklyn, New York
Phillip K. Hitti	106 Fitz Randolph Road, Princeton, N.J.

Nicholas G. Mamary

139-86th Street
Brooklyn, N.Y.

7) That all of the subscribers to the certificate are of full age; that at least two-thirds of them are citizens of the United States; that at least one of them is a resident of the State of New York, and that of the persons named as directors, at least one is a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have made, subscribed and acknowledged this certificate this 17th day of August, 1944.

A. A. Lian (L.S.)

Alex N. Saab (L.S.)

Eli N. Khouri (L.S.)

Phillip K. Hitti (L.S.)

Nicholas G. Mamary (L.S.)

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF NEW YORK) SS.:

On this 17th day of August, 1944, before me personally appeared ABE A. LIAN, ALEX N. SAAB, ELI N. KHOURI and NICHOLAS G. MAMARY, each to me known and known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate of incorporation, and they thereupon severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

SIDNEY M. OFFER
Notary Public
Cert. filed in N.Y. County

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
COUNTY OF MERCER) SS.:

On this 14th day of August, 1944, before me personally came Phillip K. Hitti, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing certificate of incorporation, and he acknowledged to me

that he executed the same.

G. Vinton Duffield
Notary Public of N.J.
Com. expires Oct. 30, 1944

I, THOMAS J. AURELIO, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the First Judicial District, do hereby approve the foregoing certificate of incorporation and consent that the same be filed.

Dated August 24, 1944

T.J.A.
Justice of the Supreme Court of the
State of N.Y. First Department.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF NEW YORK) SS.:

SIDNEY M. OFFER, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is an attorney at law, duly qualified to practice as such and is associated with Rigby, Leon & Weill, Esqs., attorneys for the subscribers to the annexed certificate of incorporation of LEBANESE CHILDREN MILK FUND, INC.

That no previous application for the approval of said certificate by a Justice of the Supreme Court has been made to this or any other court.

SIDNEY M. OFFER

Sworn to before me this 17th
day of August, 1944.

Benjamin M. Robbins
Notary Public
Com. expires March 30, 1945.

In reply refer to
NE 890E.48/11-2144

November 28, 1944

Dear Eddie:

Thank you for your letter of November 21 forwarding copies of your correspondence with the President's War Relief Control Board and the Collector of Internal Revenue regarding the proposed relief activities in the Near East. I appreciate your keeping me informed in this connection and have been glad to talk with Mr. Brunot of the War Relief Control Board, recommending you to his favorable attention.

Sincerely yours,

Foy D. Kohler
Assistant Chief
Division of Near Eastern Affairs

Mr. Edward J. Leon,
Attorney at Law,
15 East 26th Street,
New York 10, New York.

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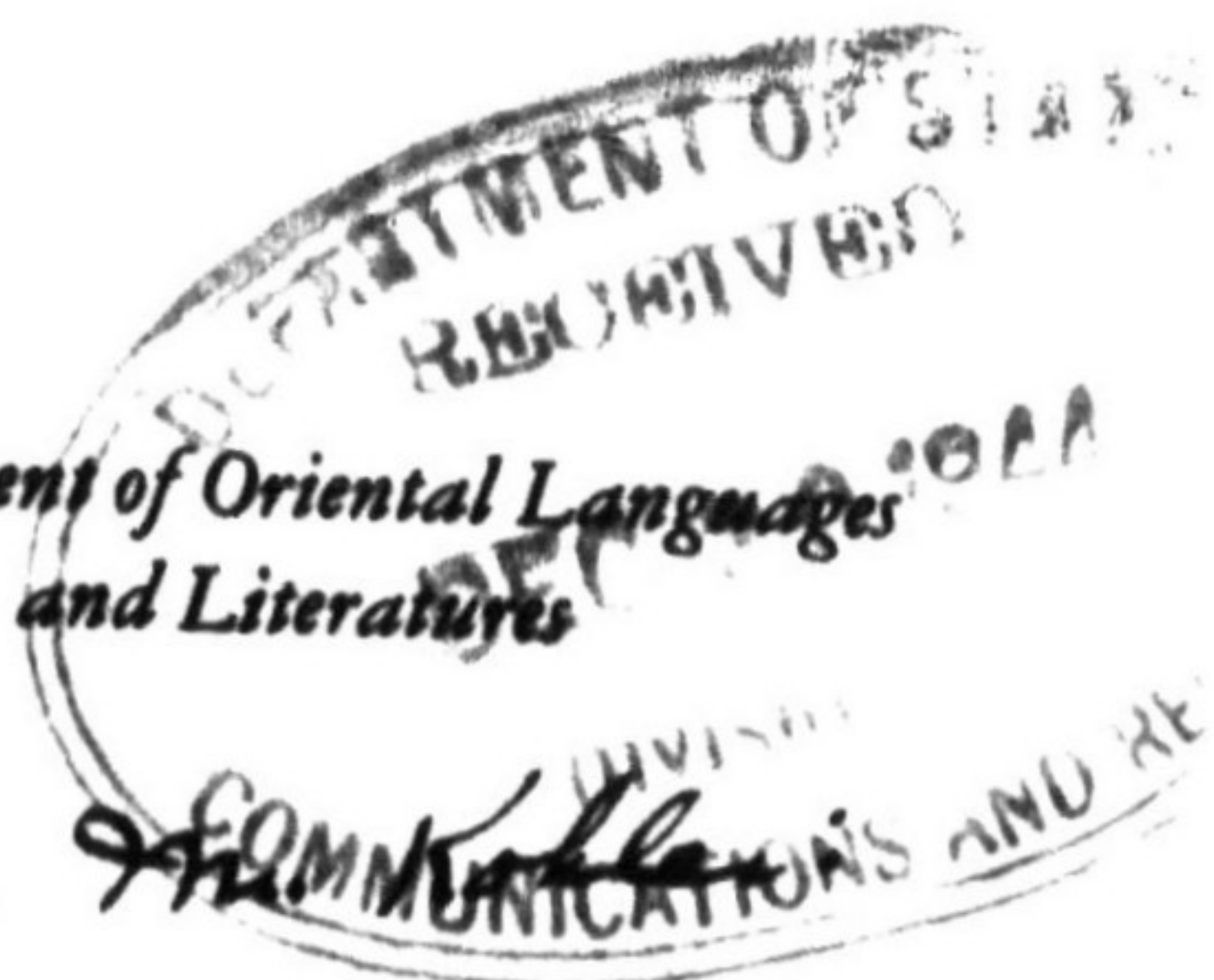
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Department of Oriental Languages
and Literatures

Dear Mr. [unclear]



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Dec. 24, 1944

Your thoughtfulness in taking up the matter
of the Lebanese Children Milk Fund with an official
of the Treasury Department and writing me is deeply
appreciated by all concerned.

Best wishes of the season

Cordially
[Signature]

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